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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/517,108	Applicant(s) SEMPEL ET AL.	
	Examiner Dennis-Doon Chow	Art Unit 2629	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-10 and 13-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 5, 11 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-4, 7, 8 and 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sakumoto (6563483).

Regarding to claims 1, 4, 15, and 18, Sakumoto discloses a display device and a method of scanning lines in the display device, comprising a line driving unit and a control unit (Fig. 2), wherein the control unit is arranged to vary selection of lines to be scanned and to control the line driving unit to scan the selected lines (abstract). The variation of selecting and scanning of the lines inherently reduces tracking by a human eye of energy variations caused by scanning.

Regarding to claims 2, 8, 14, 16, and 17 Sakumoto discloses randomly selecting the scanning order at each frame (abstract). The random selection inherently includes a nonconsecutive selection criterion provides at least two different step sizes to be used. Regarding to claims 14 and 17, Sakumoto discloses using a first scanning order (first criterion) during a first frame and a second scanning order (second criterion) in a second frame (col. 4, lines 25-30).

Regarding to claims 3 and 7, the random selection inherently includes a set of consecutive lines and the step sizes are varied between the consecutive lines.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 6, 9, 10, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakumoto in view of Kuribayashi et al. (5615027).

Sakumoto does not disclose a second set lines and changing the scanning direction between the sequentially selected lines within a set.

Kuribayashi, in the same display art, discloses a first and second set of lines (See Figs. 7E and 10D), and changing the scanning direction between the sequentially selected lines within a set (See Figs. 7E and 10D).

In light of Kuribayashi, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use Kuribayashi's sets of lines in Sakumoto's selection so that flickering of the display device can be eliminated as taught by Kuribayashi (col. 2, lines 45-55).

Allowable Subject Matter

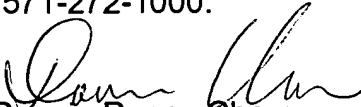
4. Claims 5, 11, and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis-Doon Chow whose telephone number is 571-272-7767. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on 571-272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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